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NEA/ARP FOR AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS KU

SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS WITH KUWAIT MINDEF RE MILITARY ASSISTANCE
MATTERS

REF: CINCEUR 241517Z JUN 75

1. ON 30 JUNE, CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY COL COX, MET WITH
MINDEF SHAIKH SA'AD TO DISCUSS:

A) STATUS OF SECDEF-MINDEF AGREEMENT FOR PROTECTION OF
US CLASSIFIED INFORMATION;

B) DRAFT OF PROJECTED SECDEV - MINDEF MOU;

C) FMS CASE FOR USLOK AUGMENTATION;

D) C9B LETTER OF OFFER; AND

E) URGENCY OF STARTING CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH IHAWK
PROGRAM.

2. THE PRESSING NEED TO COMPLETE FORMALITIES FOR PROTECTION
OF US CLASSIFIED INFORMATION WAS STRESSED, NOTING THAT RELEASE
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OF SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR IHAWK TRAINING (AS

WELL AS OTHER TRAINING). MIN DEF STATED HE WOULD ADDRESS MATTER AND PROVIDE US WITH HIS VIEWS ON JULY 10. (HE CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS SIMILAR AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY OTHER FMS-RECIPIENT COUNTRIES).

3. MINDEF STATED HE HAD NO OBJECTIONS, IN PRINCIPLE, WITH IDEA OF SECEEF-MINDEF IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT/SUPPORT OF USLOK, ALTHOUGH HE HAD OBJECTIONS TO SOME OF WORDING OF REF (A) (AVAILABLE AT OSD/ISA). HE SAID THAT MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED BY COL ABDUL AZIZ SAYEGH (ONE OF HIS MOST TRUSTED ADVISORS) AND COL COX. (NOTE: COL ABDUL AZIZ WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.)

4. ON SUBJECT OF FMS CASE FOR 6-MAN (TDY) AUGMENTATION OF USLOK, NEED TO AUGMENT USLOK SO THAT ORDERLY PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON AGREED UPON PROGRAMS WAS STRESSED. MINDEF AGREED LOOK INTO STATUS OF PAPERWORK.

5. INQUIRIES WERE MADE INTO STATUS OF C9B LETTER OF OFFER. (NOTE: REVISED LOA HAS BEEN FULLY AGREED TO BY GOK MOD STAFF.) MINDEF'S REPLY INDICATED HE HAD NOT FOUND THIS YET IN HIS "IN BASKET" BUT THAT HE WOULD LET US KNOW IN "A COUPLE OF WEEKS."

6. URGENCY IN GETTING STARTED ON CRITICAL IHAWK CONSTRUCTION WAS DISCUSSED. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT THIS MATTER NEEDED TO PROGRESS WITH ALL POSSIBLE SPEED.

7. OVERALL, MEETING WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY, WITH AN APPEARANCE OF UNDERSTANDING OF URGENCY TO COMPLETE OUTSTANDING FORMALITIES. (COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS SECURITY AGREEMENT BY JULY 10 IS ENCOURAGING.) CHARGE STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF MINISTER INFORMING EMBASSY AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME OF ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT DELAY FURTHER FMS PROGRAM. ALSO ASKED WHETHER MINISTER DESIRED AMBASSADOR TO LOOK INTO ANY PARTICULAR MATTER IN WASHINGTON PRIOR SCHEDULED RETURN TO KUWAIT MID-JULY. MINISTER AGREED TO RAISE PROBLEMS IN TIMELY MATTER AND SAID HE HAD NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS TO CONVEY TO AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS.
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